

Claims:

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1. A printer comprising:

a media tray with a media support surface and a media edge registration surface,

5 a removable media holder having a lower portion contacting the media support surface; and

the holder defining a media receptacle above the lower portion, and having a lateral opening facing the registration surface.

10 2. The printer of claim 1 wherein the media tray is sized to receive conventional letter sized media and the holder is sized to receive smaller media.

15 3. The printer of claim 1 wherein the media tray has a first portion contained in a printer body, and a second portion extending from the printer body, wherein the media receptacle is largely received in the first portion, wherein the holder has a handle extending from the receptacle and occupying the second portion of the tray.

20 4. The printer of claim 1 wherein the media tray includes a first registration element defining a surface parallel to the media edge registration surface, and wherein the holder includes a second registration element contacting the first registration element.

25 5. The printer of claim 4 wherein the holder includes a lateral portion extending toward the edge registration surface and spaced apart therefrom when the first and second registration elements are in contact.

6. The printer of claim 4 wherein the first and second registration elements define an elongated line of contact, such that the holder is constrained against skewed misalignment.

30 7. The printer of claim 1 wherein the holder includes an edge registration element at least in part defining the media receptacle, and opposite the edge registration surface of the tray, such that media is laterally constrained by the holder edge registration element and the tray edge registration surface.

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8. The printer of claim 7 wherein the edge registration element is movable relative to the holder.
9. The printer of claim 7 wherein the edge registration element is biased toward the tray edge registration surface.
10. The printer of claim 1 including a manually operable clamp for securing media in the media receptacle.
- 10 11. A media holder for a printer having a media tray with a media support surface and a media edge registration surface, the holder comprising:
a body having a lower portion contacting the media support surface; and
the holder defining a media receptacle above the lower portion, and having a lateral opening facing the registration surface.
- 15 12. The media holder of claim 11 wherein the media holder has a profile smaller than that of a conventional letter sized media, such that the holder may be received in the media tray.
- 20 13. The media holder of claim 11 wherein the holder includes an elongated registration element extending in a line parallel to the registration surface of the tray.
- 25 14. The media holder of claim 13 wherein the holder includes a lateral portion extending toward the edge registration surface and spaced apart therefrom when the registration element is received in a mating feature on the printer.
- 30 15. The media holder of claim 11 wherein the holder includes an edge registration element at least in part defining the media receptacle, and opposite the edge registration surface of the tray, such that media is laterally constrained by the holder edge registration element and the tray edge registration surface.
16. The media holder of claim 15 wherein the edge registration element is movable relative to the holder.

17. The media holder of claim 15 wherein the edge registration element is biased toward the tray edge registration surface.
- 5 18. A method of printing comprising:
 providing a printer having a media tray sized to receive a first size of media;
 if there is media in the tray, removing the media from the tray; and
 positioning in the tray a media holder containing small media of a second smaller size.
- 10 19. The method of claim 18 wherein the media tray includes a edge registration surface, and wherein the step of positioning a media holder includes positioning the small media abutting the registration surface.
- 15 20. The method of claim 18 wherein positioning the media holder includes positioning the entire media holder and the small media in the media tray.

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